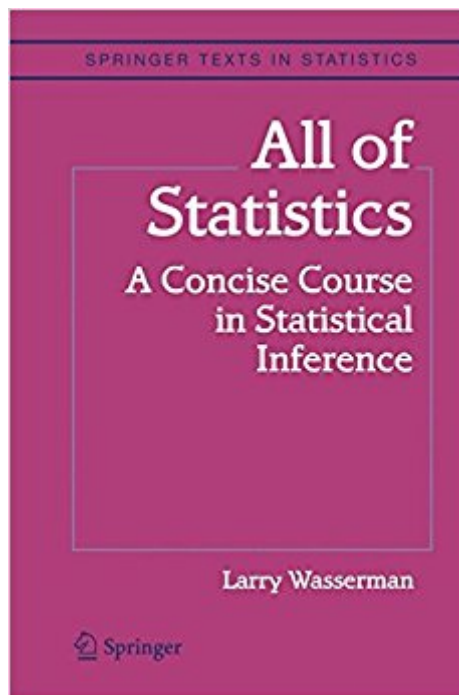


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This book is for people who want to learn probability and statistics quickly. It brings together many of the main ideas in modern statistics in one place. The book is suitable for students and researchers in statistics, computer science, data mining and machine learning. This book covers a much wider range of topics than a typical introductory text on mathematical statistics. It includes modern topics like nonparametric curve estimation, bootstrapping and classification, topics that are usually relegated to follow-up courses. The reader is assumed to know calculus and a little linear algebra.

No previous knowledge of probability and statistics is required. The text can be used at the advanced undergraduate and graduate level. Larry Wasserman is Professor of Statistics at Carnegie Mellon University. He is also a member of the Center for Automated Learning and Discovery in the School of Computer Science. His research areas include nonparametric inference, asymptotic theory, causality, and applications to astrophysics, bioinformatics, and genetics. He is the 1999 winner of the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies Presidents' Award and the 2002 winner of the Centre de recherches mathématiques de Montréal – the Statistical Society of Canada Prize in Statistics. He is Associate Editor of The Journal of the American Statistical Association and The Annals of Statistics. He is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

This book gives an overview of classical statistics, with an introduction to more modern methods of robust estimation and machine learning. I would say the contents are more focused on practical methods, but the author is always careful to state the necessary theorems from the underlying mathematical foundations of each method. Most of the theorems are stated without proof, although almost each chapter is followed by a short appendix giving some more technical details. Providing a proof for each theorem would take a lot of space and would detract from the applied aspects of this book. What I like is that each chapter has a nice list of references, so an interested reader could go on and explore each subject in more depth with all the mathematical details they need. The subjects covered is a compromise between the practical side of classical statistics and the modern methods of machine learning. They include convergence, the delta method, point estimation, hypothesis testing and confidence intervals, bootstrap, regression, non-parametric estimation, orthogonal functions, classification, graphical models, and monte carlo for integral evaluation. There is some bayesian estimation, but mostly the book follows a frequentist approach. I think that this book would be useful only for someone already familiar with classical statistics. It could serve as a good modern reference on statistics and an overview of some methods from machine learning. I do not think that this book is a good source for first exposure to these ideas. Someone should first go through a standard statistics book, such as for example Casella & Berger or Bickel & Doksum. Then this book could server as a "crossover" from that classical material to the modern methods of machine learning. After that the reader can go on to explore machine learning literature on their own, using this book as a guide. There are a small number of typos throughout the book. They pick up in chapter 22 on classification, where there are some typos in important equations, for example equation 22.21 on Fisher discriminant and the formula for epsilon in theorem 22.17. But overall I

had a very positive experience reading this book. It helped me review some stuff I already learned, showed some new applications, and introduced some topics which I look forward to exploring further.

This is the first book I pull down from the shelf when I need a refresher or I am working through some concept and feel like I am missing some foundation somewhere. Also have used it as supplemental text in self-instruction in a wide variety of areas. The explanations are practical, well-written and the notation supports the explanations (instead of the other way around). Lots of concepts that I have wrestled with in other texts finally clicked for me after reading the write-up in this book. Can't recommend it highly enough.

I find it hard to rate the quality of the book. I am from a non-mathematical background (I got no further than calculus in college), and I've been working for three years now on building math skills, especially statistical analysis and inference. I asked a fellow employee (whom I thought I could trust) for a recommendation on a good book for someone with rusty math skills who is trying to learn statistics. This was his recommendation. This is NOT the book for that purpose. I realized on my first perusal of the book that he was being snide and sarcastic, as I subsequently learned was his custom. This book is a reference, full of complex mathematical notation, that is excellent (so far as I can determine) for reviewing concepts you have already learned and mastered. It is the worst possible choice for someone who is just starting out on learning statistics. I can now, finally, begin to dip into this book at least in places, and follow the material. So I'm glad, in the end, that I got it. It will eventually prove useful to me.

I'm not finished with the book but find it very readable and helpful. I was a little disappointed to receive the book and notice that there was a problem with its binding. It wasn't enough of a problem for me to want to return the book, but annoying nonetheless.

Wonderful overview of mathematical statistics. great resource for looking things up when you need them.

It has helped me so far with my need for probability reference material. It looks like it has more advanced statistical inference material that I may need to reference in the future.

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